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NEWSY NEWS

by Ralph F. Cummings

According to "The Literary World," of Sept. 19, 1902, Jules Verne prophesied recently that in 50 or 100 years the novel would have run its course. The North American Review has been sounding a number of writers on the subject, and the resulting dicta are distinctly entertaining.

Mrs. Metta Victoria Victor wrote her first story for the New York Weekly, and many others.

Ye editors Mother passed away October 5th after quite a long illness, at the age of 78. She would have been 79 this Nov. 25th. She will be missed very badly. Ye editor Cummings plans to stay here at the old stand, and carry on, besides his Mother (Margaret Cummings) there were others that have passed on, through out the year of 1945, Mothers of Victor L. Neighbors, Frank Kowlezek, Ralph P. Smith Charles Bragin, also an old time author, Ida M. Schwartz, that wrote under the pen name of Ida M. Black at same time (Uncle Billie) Wm. J. Benners was writing, between 1895 and 1930. E. T. Gosset also died the 12th of November 1944 so we have just learned after a short illness. J. D. Hardin also left us a few months back. God bless all those who have gone to our heavenly father, to the land where all sufferings are left behind, in this world of sorrow. May the Lord rest their souls in Peace.

Zane Gray wrote over 52 books. Over 15,000,000 have been sold.

No. 905 was the last number of Frank Leslie's Boys & Girls Weekly.

S. K. "Doc" Hunt writes, during the time the ad was running in Roundup,

he found out that not only did J. Bergans draw from 1895 until 1902 for Frank Tousey, but prior to that as early as 1892 he was on the Street & Smith staff. As a member of the Dime Novel Club, I received the latest issue upon whose cover was a Bergans drawing...that was No. 159 Gentleman Joe, 1892, Log Cabin Library. Doc says he likes histories by many members, and, upon reading articles, one has to pause since some of these cases parallel one's own almost to the letter.

E. Dudley Evans of Lynnfield Centre, Mass., wants to know when the first colored novel appeared in 1896, what month. Tip Top Library started April 18th, 1896, were there any others before this?

M. T. Calders real name was C. T. McKendry. Burke Brentford was a nom. of N. D. Urner. Syrus, Darus and Sylvanus Cobb were all brothers. P. N. Willis and Charles Eldridge were related to Fanny Fern.

Beadles Half Dime Library #4, The Wild Horse Hunters, was written by Cap. Mayne Reid and Frederick Whitaker. 16 pages, 3 cols. to page.

Beadles Half Dime Library No. 641, Dismal Dave's Dandy-Pard, by Wm. G. Patten and No. 1013 Buffalo Bill's Texan Team by Col. Prentiss Ingraham, have the same front pictures as are on either front page. No different.

W. B. Maxwell was the son of M. E. Braddon. Esther Searle Kenneth was M. Louise Poole. Howard De Vere's real name was Howard Van Orden, he used Paul Braddon as a pen name. Commodore Ah Looks name was Adams. He wrote novels and plays.

Dr. Harry Enton had been a physician for 29 years up to Dec. 10th, 1914.

He has occasionally written, since the first 4 Frank Reade stories. On some of his works, his name doesn't appear. He wrote some stories under his own name in Young's Magazine. Mr. Enton wrote under some of these pen names, as follows: Henry Harrison Haines, Val Versatile, Hal Hildebrand, Old Cap Collier and others.

S. B. Condon says it would be fine if someone could buy up the copyrights of the Frank Converse stories that appeared in Elverson's Golden Days. He says they were all fine stories.

Fellows, I find that the Roundup Digest is going to cost more than I had any idea of, and to make it worthy to all, and to have something pretty nice, we'll have to charge 25c per copy, so if those members that have already sent in 10c toward the Index, will send in the remaining 15c it will be O. K. Such an index is badly needed by all.

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George H. Cordier wrote the article in last month's Roundup Modern Scenic Backgrounds of Old Dime Novels.

Flash! Just heard that H. O. Rawson is very sick.

George Flaum was out to see me last night, Oct. 29th, Charles Duprez & Wife Sunday Oct. 28th and Clyde Wakefield Sat. Oct. 27th.

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